

SENATE BILL 3029
By Crutchfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, Part 1; Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2 and Title 41, Chapter 24, relative to the care and custody of state prisoners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, acting jointly with the Tennessee bureau of investigation, it shall be the duty of the department of correction to expeditiously and thoroughly investigate and determine the facts underlying each allegation of felonious conduct wherein the alleged victim is a state prisoner, who is housed within a county or private correctional facility, and the alleged perpetrator is an official, employee, or trusty of the county or the private vendor. No contract, regarding the housing of state prisoners, shall be entered into or renewed by the state if the contract in any way impairs the department's ability to:

(1) fully comply with the provisions of this section, or

(2) promptly remove such state prisoner for placement within the care and custody of the department.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, acting jointly with the department of correction, it shall be the duty of the Tennessee bureau of investigation to expeditiously and thoroughly investigate and determine the facts underlying each

allegation of felonious conduct wherein the alleged victim is a state prisoner, who is housed within a county or private correctional facility, and the alleged perpetrator is an official, employee, or trusty of the county or the private vendor. No contract, regarding the housing of state prisoners, shall be entered into or renewed by the state if the contract in any way impairs the bureau's ability to:

(1) fully comply with the provisions of this section, or

(2) promptly remove such state prisoner for placement within the care and custody of the department of correction.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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